

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS  
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**Applicable to:** This circular should be brought to the attention of owners, managers, masters and manning agents of Singapore registered vessels.

**GUIDANCE IN DETECTING AND PREVENTING UNLAWFUL PRACTICES**

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), at its seventy-seventh session endorsed and approved [MSC/Circ.1089](#) and [MSC/Circ.1090](#), which contain guidance for Administrations, companies and manning agents in detecting unlawful practices relating to the certificates of competency and recommended anti-fraud measures.

2 [MSC/Circ.1089](#) and [MSC/Circ.1090](#) can be found in our website under “Other Notices” at [www.mpa.gov.sg](http://www.mpa.gov.sg)

3 Shipowners, operators, masters and manning agents are requested to note the contents of the circulars and report to the relevant Administration details of fraud or forgery they may detect to help address the issue of fraud or forgery.

4 Any queries regarding this circular should be addressed to Capt. Ian Wong (Tel: 63756220) or via e-mail at [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg)

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